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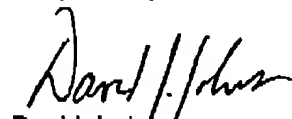
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2003 applicants enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

Response under 37 CFR 1.116 (7 pages).

**The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge all fees due under section 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 07-1729.**

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**FIRST REPLY AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 19, 2003**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In reply to the final Office Action of May 19, 2003, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the grounds for rejection in light of the information provided herein, and entry of the following amendment.